

Champ rightfully earned this distinction through a lifetime of public service and commitment to others. Born to trailblazing leaders, Constance Boyles Eve and Arthur O. Eve, Sr., Champ was quickly taught the importance of family, hard work, and staying true to one's values. Champ is a proud graduate of Canisius High School and the University at Buffalo, though Buffalo State University holds a special place in his heart as he serves as Assistant Men's Basketball Coach and a mentor for the young student-athletes. Champ has been on the frontline of local, state, and national campaigns since becoming involved in politics at a young age, and he has never faltered in his commitment to the party. He is the founder and President of Unity Coalition, an organization that through his leadership has and advised and recruited candidates for local office, collected thousands of signatures, and planted hundreds of lawn signs. Throughout his years of involvement, Champ and Unity Coalition have been tireless campaigners for candidates including, President Barack Obama, Senator Hillary Clinton, Honorable Jeannette Ogden, Governor Kathy Hochul, and County Executive Mark Poloncarz.

Currently, Champ serves as the Deputy Board of Elections Commissioner for Erie County and Vice Chair of the Erie County Democratic Committee. He shares his passion for politics and community service with his wife, Kim, and his seven children, Arthur III, Shiana, Laneesha, Eric, Louis, Melzetta, and David, as well as his treasured grandchildren.

Mr. Eve's dedication to his country, community, family, and party is indicative of all that is great about Western New York. I am thankful for the opportunity to call Champ a friend and to honor him and the countless positive contributions he has made to our community. Today, those in attendance for the Chairman's Council Reception in Buffalo express their gratitude toward Champ, but our appreciation pales in comparison to the unwavering dedication that Champ has demonstrated for several decades. Champ undoubtedly deserves the Joseph F. Crangle Legacy Award, and I thank him for his commitment to bettering the lives of those in our community.

HONORING JENNIFER CARPENTER

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Jennifer Carpenter, the Chief Operating Officer for D'Amore Healthcare.

As the COO for D'Amore Healthcare, Jennifer is a Certified Treatment Executive and holds credentials in the behavioral health field, including certifications as a Qualified Mental Health Specialist and Certified Admissions and Marketing Specialist with CCAPP. Before finding her passion in Admissions with D'Amore Healthcare, Jennifer worked for a nonprofit organization as the Financial Administrator.

Her own personal journey led to her dedication in helping others struggling with mental health and substance abuse and allows her to be the point of contact with individuals and their families looking to start their recovery.

Throughout her incredible career, Jennifer made sure that her clients are aware of the in-

dividual care they will receive while at D'Amore Healthcare, which includes screening and assessment before admissions and following through with the patient's intake from start to finish, in addition to discharge planning.

It is my privilege to honor this humble and hard-working woman. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in acknowledging the career and accomplishments of Jennifer Carpenter.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. JIMMIE JACKSON

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Vallejo NAACP President Jimmie Jackson. Passing away at the age of 75, Mr. Jackson leaves behind an indelible legacy of advocacy and community service to Solano County.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Mr. Jackson demonstrated his persevering and industrious spirit from a young age, earning recognition for his football abilities and eventually enrolling at Fisk University on an athletic scholarship.

In 1966, Mr. Jackson was drafted into the U.S. Air Force, where he bravely served our nation in Vietnam. He was later stationed at Travis Air Force Base, beginning his long-term residency in Solano County. After being honorably discharged in 1969, Mr. Jackson continued his selfless service as a member of the Army Reserves, while also earning his bachelor's degree in Government and his master's degree in Public Administration.

Mr. Jackson's commitment to his country was not only expressed through his military service, but also through his public service to Solano County. From 1977 to 1980, and again from 2011 to 2023, Mr. Jackson served as the Vallejo NAACP President. Additionally, he served on the NAACP National Credentials Committee, the NAACP Vallejo Executive Committee, and the CA/HI NAACP Executive Committee. He was a valiant advocate for the NAACP and his courageous leadership was instrumental in advancing the fight for justice.

Throughout his tenure with the NAACP, Mr. Jackson demonstrated his sincere love for his community through his compassionate leadership and altruistic advocacy. His tireless efforts as a freedom fighter, especially his work within the NAACP Youth and College Division, made him a beacon of light within his community and undeniably advanced the fight for civil rights, equality, and justice.

In addition to his crucial contributions to the NAACP, Mr. Jackson also exemplified the spirit of altruism and leadership in all areas of his life. He served on the Solano Community College Human Relations Committee, Vallejo Human Relations Commission, Solano Red Cross Board of Directors, and Vallejo Planning Commission. Mr. Jackson's indispensable leadership in these organizations played a vital role in fostering equity and unity in his community.

Mr. Jackson will be remembered not only for his decades of service to the city of Vallejo, but also for his genuine spirit of kindness and compassion. He impacted the lives of so many

in his community and was known both for his service with the NAACP and the unfailing love he had for his family. His steadfast leadership, constant smile, and patient mentorship have left a lasting legacy on Solano County and the people of Vallejo.

Mr. Jackson is survived by four children, four siblings, and a community that will dearly miss his enduring spirit. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Jackson's loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of Solano County, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LUCY KORTUM

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Lucy Kortum, an extraordinary environmental champion and community leader, who passed away on November 30, 2022 at the age of 94.

Lucy was born in Coronado, California in 1928, where her father was stationed as a Naval aviator during World War II. She graduated from Pomona College and moved to San Francisco where she met her husband, Bill Kortum, who would later be known as the father of the Sonoma County environmental movement. They married in 1953 and began their decades-long partnership in environmental and political advocacy.

Beginning in the 1960s, Lucy and Bill led numerous public campaigns to preserve Sonoma and the northern California Coast from overdevelopment. The couple successfully advocated for saving Bodega Head from a plan to build a nuclear power plant, protecting public access along the northern Sonoma Coast. They also succeeded in passing Proposition 20, which created the California Coastal Commission and the California Coastal Act in 1972.

Lucy was also a passionate historian and a champion of local and statewide architectural preservation. She earned her teaching credential at Sonoma State University, and later returned in 1991 to pursue her master's degree in history. Her master's thesis resulted in the addition of ten California Carnegie libraries to the National Register of Historic Places, and her work was later credited with adding the 1892 Petaluma Silk Mill to the National Register, saving it from future demolition.

Lucy was highly motivated by her family and strong sense of community. The Kortum's home became a community hub in Sonoma County, often hosting meetings about pressing local issues. I am among many of the beneficiaries of Lucy and Bill Kortum's wisdom and mentorship. She leaves behind her sons, Frank and Sam Kortum, her daughter, Julie Groves, and her five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that Lucy Kortum was a community figure who will be missed and whose many contributions to the region are a legacy worthy of congressional recognition. Please join me in extending condolences to Lucy's family and many friends, and in expressing my deep appreciation for the positive impact she has left on the community and the environment.

CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S WESTPORT BRANCH

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Kansas City Public Library's Westport Branch for its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of service. For more than a century, the Westport Library has nurtured Missouri's Fifth Congressional District with public services and resources that help keep our community afloat. As Kansas City's first library branch to have opened, the Westport Library paved the way for the current library system in Kansas City to exist.

The Westport Library first opened its doors to the community on February 22, 1898, under the name Allen Library in honor of Arthur M. Allen, who made its inception possible. After having discovered a surplus of \$7,500 in taxes collected for the construction of a horse railroad line between Westport and Kansas City, Allen decided to go against the city in court to secure the funds and establish a community library.

Allen won the court case and began the process to open the library. With the money won, the land to build the library was pur-

chased for \$1,800 and the library built for \$5,012. To ensure that there would be books for the newly built library, Allen, who was a member of the Westport School Board, helped allocate a total budget of \$2000 so that the library could be stocked for its visitors. The library opened to the Westport community with Margurite Smith as its first librarian providing local residents with knowledge, resources, and a place for exchanging ideas. Then, when Kansas City annexed Westport, the Allen Library became the first branch of the Kansas City Public Library system, continuing to bear Allen's name on its outside walls. Without the establishment of the Westport Library, generations upon generations would not have had the access to books and the opportunity to nurture their intellectual curiosity.

Throughout its one hundredth and twenty-fifth years of existence, the Westport Library has stood as a landmark in Kansas City's Midtown community. This historic building serves as a meeting place for students and residents looking for resources such as free Wi-Fi, help obtaining a passport, historic archives, and books to read. Now more than ever, the public service that the Westport library has provided for the residents of Kansas City must be applauded.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating the current and former staff members of this establishment who have worked tirelessly to connect people with ideas, services, and resources that make our community a better place. The Westport Library set the

stage for the creation of the Kansas City Public Library system that exists today and that continues to bridge the gap between useful information and our neighbors. The Westport Library's contribution to Kansas City's population cannot be overstated, and I have no doubt that they will continue this important work over the next century and beyond.

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF
CHRISTOPHER SHAWN KING****HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 24, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Christopher Shawn King who passed away on February 2 of this year. Christopher was a devoted father, Air Force veteran, volunteer firefighter and friend to all who he met.

He was a man whose love and care was evident to all who knew him. While he was taken from us far too soon, his family and friends will long cherish their time with him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the memory of Christopher Shawn King. While we mourn his passing, we celebrate his life and the legacy he leaves behind. May his life and memory always be a blessing.